

punctuation, etc. within the meaning of MPEP 804.02. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 32 and 33 of the present application are not directed to the "same invention" as claims 1 and 2 of Applicants' '036 patent, and that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer overcomes a double patenting rejection of the obvious type.

Claim 31 has been replaced by new claim 34 to distinguish Applicants' invention more clearly. As set forth in new claim 34, the head and jamb members of Applicants' patio door assembly include outwardly projecting double wall exterior portions (FIGS. 2-4) defining laterally inwardly facing channels, elongated insert strips (46) having snap-fit connections with the channels, and the strips including laterally inwardly projecting flanges adapted to retain a frame of a sliding screen door within the head and jamb members. Applicants have carefully reviewed the disclosures of Yane '947, Governale '923 and Miller et al. '743, and can find no disclosure or suggestion in FIG. 9 of Miller et al. '743 of Applicants' patio door assembly including the above structure. In fact, the head member (FIG. 9) and jamb member (FIG. 13) of Miller et al. '743 have no elongated insert strips with snap-fit connections within channels, and the head and jamb members are formed by difference extrusions having different profiles. On the other hand, Applicants' insert strips 46 have snap-fit connections within the channels of the head and jamb members and permit the head, jamb and sill members (FIGS. 2-4) of the main frame to be formed from the same extrusion while the insert strips 46 on the jamb and head members provide for retaining the frame of a sliding screen door.

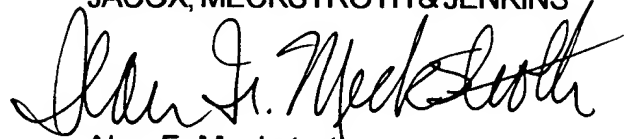
In view of the above and the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants believe that claims 1-30 and 32-34 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully

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request that this application be passed to issue.

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